

HISTORY 261 (DAY)  
HISTORY OF EAST ASIA

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Class Hours: Monday/Wednesday 8:45 - 9:35 A.M.

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Required Texts:

(All are available in paperback editions at local bookstores)

CROWLEY, Modern East Asia: Essays in Interpretation  
DEBARY et al., Sources of the Chinese Tradition (vols one and two)  
HALL, Japan: From Prehistory to Modern Times  
HARRISON, China Since 1800  
HARRISON, The Chinese Empire  
TSUNODA et al., Sources of the Japanese Tradition (vols one and two)

Individual Reading Program: Fall Semester

Each student is expected to select an aspect of Chinese history in which he will do further reading. Generally three or four books will be selected in consultation with the instructor. An Interpretive essay dealing with the material that has been read will be done on November 27.

Examinations: Fall semester

There will be two examinations during the Fall:

- a. On Monday, October 30.
- b. On Wednesday, December 6.

Schedule of Lectures and Reading Assignments For the Fall:

Lecture One: September 11.  
The Geography of China  
The Chinese Language

Lecture Two: September 13.  
Racial Origins of the Chinese  
The Prehistory of China  
The Shang Dynasty (Ca. 1751-1123 B.C.)

Lecture 2 (Continued)

Required Readings:  
Harrison, 3-35

Recommended Readings:  
Li Chi, The Beginnings of Chinese Civilization

Lecture Three: September 18

The Chou Dynasty (1123-256 B.C.)

Required Readings:  
Harrison, 36-51

Recommended Readings:  
Hsu, Ancient China in Transition

Lecture Four: September 20

Confucius and Early Molders of the Confucian Tradition  
The Taoists

Required Reading:  
Harrison, 52-74  
DeBary, 15-113

Recommended Readings:  
Creel, Confucius and the Chinese Way  
Waley, The Way and Its Power

Lecture Five: September 25

The Legalists  
The Ch'in Dynasty (221-207 B.C.)

Required Readings:  
Harrison, 75-94  
DeBary, 122-144

Lecture Six: September 27

The Han Dynasty (206 B.C. - 220 A.D.)

Required Readings:  
Harrison, 95-178  
DeBary, 145-183; 211-227

Lecture Six (Continued)

Recommended Readings:

Loewe, Everyday Life in Early Imperial China

Lecture Seven: October 2

The Fall of the Han Dynasty  
The Six Dynasties Period (220-589 A.D.)

Required Readings:

Harrison, 179-212

Lecture Eight: October 4

Buddhism Comes to China

Required Readings:

DeBary: 266-293; 309-328; 334-368

Recommended Readings:

Watts, The Way of Zen

Wright, Buddhism in Chinese History

Lecture Nine: October 11

The Sui Dynasty (589-618 A.D.)

Lecture Ten: October 16

The T'ang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.)

Required Readings:

Harrison, 215-255

DeBary, 369-382

Lecture Eleven: October 18

The Sung Dynasty (960-1279)

Required Readings:

Harrison, 256-293

DeBary, 383-436; 479-502

Lecture Eleven (Continued)

Recommended:

Gernet, Daily Life in China on the Eve of the Mongol Invasion

Lecture Twelve: October 23

The Yuan Dynasty (1270-1368)

Required Readings:

Harrison, 294-309

Recommended Readings:

The Travels of Marco Polo

Lecture Thirteen: October 25

The Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)

Required Readings:

Harrison, 313-323

DeBary, 514-551

Recommended Readings:

Hucker, The Traditional Chinese State in Ming Times

Ts'aro, Dream of the Red Chamber

MID-TERM EXAMINATION: October 30

Lecture Fourteen: November 1

The Ch'ing Dynasty (1644-1911) to 1800

Required Readings:

Harrison, 323-349

DeBary, 552-564

Crowley, 1-27

Lecture Fifteen: November 6

Early western contacts with China

External Pressures: The Imposition of the Treaty System



Lecture Fifteen (Continued)

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 3-30

DeBary II, 1-17

Crowley, 29-61

Recommended Readings:

Waley, The Opium War Through Chinese Eyes

Lecture Sixteen: November 8

Internal Pressures: The Taiping, Nien and Other Rebellions

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 30-45

DeBary II, 18-42

Lecture Seventeen: November 13

The T'ung Chin Restoration and Pre-Self-strengthening Movement  
The Reform Movement of 1898

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 46-86

DeBary II, 43-97

Recommended Readings:

Teng and Fairbank, China's Response to the West  
Wright, The Last Stand of Chinese Conservatism

Lecture Eighteen: November 15

The Boxer Rebellion  
Conservative Reform Efforts, 1900-11  
The Revolution of 1911

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 86-100

DeBary II, 98-124

Recommended Readings:

Levenson, Liang Ch'i'ch'au and the Mind of Modern China  
Levenson, Confucian China and its Modern Fate  
Schifffrin, Sun Yat-sen

Lecture Nineteen: November 20

The Struggle for Power, 1911-1917  
The New Culture Movement in China

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 100-127  
DeBary II, 151-195  
Crowley, 151-178

Recommended Readings:

Chow, The May Fourth Movement  
Schwartz, Chinese Communism and the Rise of Mao

Lecture Twenty: November 22

The Reorganized Kuomintang and the Military Unification of China

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 127-142  
DeBary II, 196-215

Lecture Twenty-One: November 27

The Nationalist Government in Power, 1928-1937

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 143-164  
DeBary II, 134-150  
Crowley, 207-233

Recommended Readings:

Snow, Red Star Over China

Lecture Twenty-Two: November 29

The Sino Japanese War and World War II, 1937-1943  
The Civil War, 1945-1949

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 165-194  
DeBary II, 215-232

Recommended Readings:

Johnson, Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power  
Barnett, China on the Eve of Communist Take-over  
Fitzgerald, The Birth of Communist China

Lecture Twenty-Three: December 4

The People's Republic of China (1949-)

Required Readings:

Harrison II, 195-260

DeBary II, 232-284

Crowley, 265-296; 337-372

Recommended Readings:

Schram, Mao Tse-tung

Schram, The Political Thought of Mao tse-tung

Schurmann, Ideology and Organization in Communist China

# CONVENTIONAL SPELLINGS OF THE WADE SYSTEM AND APPROXIMATE EQUIVALENTS

ai	= "y" as in "why."
ao	= "ow" as in "how."
an	= "ang" as in "ang."
ang	= very long "a," "ong" in many words.
ch	= initial "j" as in "jam."
ch'	= emphatic initial "ch" as in "church."
ê, ê'	= "e" as in "ten" or short "u" as in "flung."
en	= "en" as in "ten."
ei	= "ei" as in "Haybridge."
eh	= French "ê."
i	= "ee" as in "see."
ih	= no English equivalent, the vowel sound in the first syllable of "cheroot" is a close approximation.
o	= nearly "or."
ou	= "ô" as in "Joseph."
u	= "oo" as in "too."
ü	= French "u."
ung	= "ong."
hs	= emphatic initial "sh." ("s" in the South).
hua, huo	= "hwa," "huo."
hui	= "whey."
j	= nearly an initial "r" ("z" in the West).
k	= initial "g."
k'	= emphatic initial "k" aspirated.
p	= initial "b."
p'	= emphatic initial "p."
sh	= as in English.
ssü	= "sir" with hissing "s."
t	= initial "d."
t'	= emphatic initial "t."
s	= "ds."
ts'	= emphatic "ts."
tz	= "dz."
tz'	= emphatic "tz."

The two very common words "tzü" and "wang" are pronounced "dzer" and "wong" respectively.



## Places and Place Names

All students will be expected to learn the basic geographic features of East Asia. They will be expected to be able to identify and locate the places, mountains, rivers, etc. that are listed below.

### Oceans and Seas

Yellow Sea	Pacific Ocean
East China Sea	Indian Ocean
South China Sea	Sea of Japan

### Major Mountain Chains

Himalayas	Tsingling
Kunlun	Tienshan
Nam shan	

### Major Rivers

Amur	Liao
Yellow (Huang 1 to)	Amur
Yangtzi	Si

### Major Land Areas

China Proper ("the eighteen provinces")  
Manchuria ("the three northeastern provinces" of Modern China)  
Inner Mongolia (Chahan, Ningsia, Suiyuan provinces)  
Outer Mongolia (The Peoples Republic of Mongolia)  
Gobi (desert)  
Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan)  
Tibet  
Tarim Basin  
Taiwan (Formosa)  
Ryuku (Liu-ch'iu) Islands  
Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia

### The twenty-eight provinces of modern China:

#### China Proper:

Fukien	Anhwei	Chekrang
Hunan	Honan	Hopei (on Chihli)
Kiangsi	Hupei	Kansu
Kwangtung	Kiangsu	Kwangsi
Shantung	Kweichow	Shansi
Yunnan	Shensi	Szechwan

Places and Place Names  
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Manchuria:

Liauning

Heilungkiang

Kirin

Northern Frontier:

Ningsia

Chahar

Suiyuan

Jehol

Western Frontier:

Chinghai

Sikang

Sinkiang

Major Chinese Cities

Peking  
K'ai-fung

Ch'ang-an (Sian)  
Nanking

Hangchow  
Shanghai

Loyang  
Canton

## CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR DYNASTIES AND PERIODS IN CHINESE HISTORY

The Shang (or Yin) Kingdom	ca. 1751 - ca. 1111 B.C.
The Chou Kingdom	ca. 1111 - 256 B.C.
Western Chou	ca. 1111-771
Eastern Chou	770-256
Ch'un-ch'iu	722-468
Chan-kuo	403-221
The Ch'in Dynasty	221-207 B.C.
The Han Dynasty	202 B.C. - A.D. 220
The Western (or Former) Han	202 B.C. - A.D. 9
The Hsin Dynasty	A.D. 9 - A.D. 23
The Eastern (or Later) Han	25-220
The Three Kingdoms	220-265
Shu	221-264
Wei	220-265
Wu	222-280
The Chin Dynasty	265-317-420
Western Chin	265-317
Eastern Chin	317-420
The Southern and Northern Dynasties	420-589 A.D.
The Former (or Liv) Sung	420-479
The Southern Ch'i	470-502
The Southern Liang	502-557
The Southern Ch'en	557-589
The Northern Wei	386-535
The Eastern Wei	534-550
The Western Wei	535-556
The Northern Ch'i	555-577
The Northern Chou	557-581
The Later Liang	555-587
The Sui Dynasty	589-618
The T'ang Dynasty	618-906

## Dynasties

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The Five Dynasties	907-960
Later Liang	907-923
Later T'ang	923-936
Later Chin	936-947
Later Han	947-950
Later Chui	951-960
 The Liao Dynasty	 907-1125
 The Sung Dynasty	 960-1126-1279
Northern Sung	960-1126
Southern Sung	1127-1279
 The Hsi-hsia Dynasty	 999-1227
 The Chin Dynasty	 1115-1234
 The Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty	 1260-1368
 The Ming Dynasty	 1368-1644
 The Ch'ing Dynasty	 1644-1911
 The Republic	 1912-1949
 The People's Republic	 1949 ----